

P-422/D-94-596 ORDER DENYING REQUEST FOR TIME EXTENSION

BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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In the Matter of Park Region Mutual Telephone  
Company's Request for an Extension of Time  
to File its 1994 Depreciation Study

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**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On June 30, 1994, Park Region Mutual Telephone Company (Park Region or the Company) filed a request for an extension of time to file its 1994 depreciation study under Minn. Rules, part 7810.7700.

On July 11, 1994, the Minnesota Department of Public Service (the Department) filed its report and recommendation.

On August 2, 1994, the Commission met to consider this matter.

**FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

Companies are required by law to review their depreciation rates annually to ensure that they are still generally appropriate. Minn. Rules, Part 7810.7500.

By previous Order of the Commission, Park Region's five-year depreciation study for 1994 was due to be filed July 1, 1994.

In its request for additional time to file these studies, Park Region did not explain why it had not filed the studies in a timely manner. The Company has not borne its burden of demonstrating good cause for granting a time extension.

Accordingly, the Commission will deny Park Region's request. In conjunction with the filing of its overdue study, the Company will be expected to address the reasons for the tardiness of its filing.

**ORDER**

1. The request of Park Region Mutual Telephone Company (Park Region or the Company) for an extension of time to September 1, 1994 to file its annual depreciation study is denied.
2. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Executive Secretary

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